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President's Message

This will serve to announce that we have a new QCWA Journal editor, Barry Wiseman, N6CSW, who, at present, publishes the magazine "Electric Radio", a magazine for those that appreciate vintage gear and equipment.

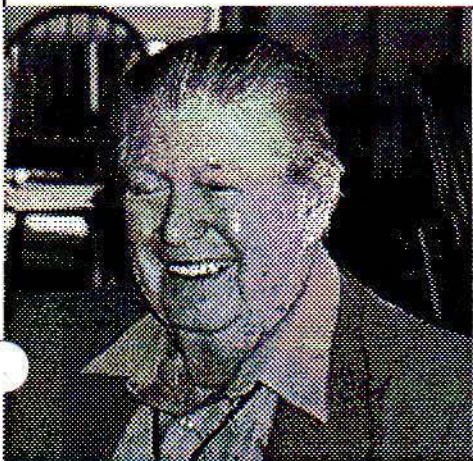
The first issue with N6CSW as editor will be the Summer Journal and we are certain the membership will appreciate the enlarged volume, with many additional articles of interest.

At this time I would like to take this opportunity to inform Chapter officers and members to mail all QCWA Journal material directly to QCWA Headquarters in Eugene, Oregon.

We recently had the Spring Board meeting in Eugene, OR. Many items were discussed and actions taken at this meeting. The Board had received timely news that W5YI had filed a petition for FCC rule changes to do away with all broadcast station operation. This would include the operation of W1AW. Keeping W1AW off the air, would, in QCWA's opinion, be a serious mistake. We all know only too well that the bulletin service of W1AW alone is priceless in providing our hobby with timely FCC and amateur radio information. Accordingly, QCWA will be filing in opposition to the W5YI filing. The deadline for reply comments is going to be May 5th.

73,

Lew McCoy, W1ICP
President, QCWA



A recent picture of Lew McCoy taken at the Oregon Coast Chapter dinner in early April, 1995.

Nominations

We have a Nominating Committee in place and they are working on obtaining qualified candidates for the 1996 elections. The chairman of this committee is :

Fred Dickson, W7LBH
38566 Parkside Rd
Albany, OR 97321

A reminder to everyone, if you have a candidate in mind, send the information to Fred. Also, please remember that the nominating committee completes their work July 31, 1995. You, as members, still have the option of submitting a petition nominating a person for a position on the Board of Directors. That petition has to be submitted to the General Manager by December 31, 1995. The petition must have 25 QCWA member signatures.

Deadlines

As detailed in the President's column, the next issue will have a new editor and the publication date is July 1, 1995 for the Summer issue. This changes the publication schedule, but we will get back on schedule. Thusly the deadline for material for the Summer Journal will have to be June 1, 1995 or sooner.

All material for the Journal will have to come through Headquarters and we will make notes and forward to the new editor. Since he will be using a McIntosh for most of his work, and all the rest of us are using a DOS machine, send any disk files to us and we will go from there. He will also be using the BBS, here at headquarters, so you can leave a file for him as a Text file on that machine.

If you have good sharp pictures, enclose them with your Chapter story, and provide us with a description of the photo contents. Color or black and white prints are fine.

We are also looking for stories about amateur radio and the involvement of our members. I know there are a lot of them out there. Try putting some of those tales down on paper and sending them along to us.



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Spring Board meeting

This Spring meeting was quite different than previous meetings. For one thing, we had a new President and a number of new Board members. The Finance committee came a day early and managed to accomplish a great deal of work. This was really necessary since we have been involved in changing over the bookkeeping from Florida to Headquarters, and we hope to save some money by doing this, and then the committee needed to meet and learn more about the investments and how things are organized. Jack Kelleher, Vice President, is the head of the Finance committee and did a wonderful job in conducting the meeting. Wes Randles, the Treasurer, did a great job of explaining the 'ins and outs' of his job and the organization of the finances. Our President, Lew McCoy, added his comments about the investments and gave all of us a lesson in how to calculate returns on bonds.

With the finance work out of the way, the Board meeting the next day went very smoothly. Our new CPA met with the Board and then the chairman of the Nominating committee met with the Board and gave a report.

The filing by W5YI to eliminate the "broadcasts" by W1AW was very completely discussed and QCWA will file to support ARRL in this matter. The loss of the W1AW services could be very detrimental to the amateur services.

A complete set of minutes will be published in the next Journal, which is due out July 1, 1995.

Data Base

When we first took over several years ago, the data base was about 6000 members short. They were in the card file and in the application file, but not in the data base. Jan and I started the search last summer and by year end, we had substantially reduced the 6000 .. in fact it is now down to 39 persons.

We found a number of membership numbers where two numbers had been issued to one person. This took place when a member came back to active membership and the file was apparently not checked to see if they had belonged before. In the early days there were a number of 'gaps' where some membership numbers were never issued. Thusly, we were able to list, and correct, all these items. Where the 39 people are, is hard to tell .. but we do have some clues and as soon as possible we shall check out those clues

National Convention

The Convention committee led by Gladys Chase, W1VPF, has been hard at work to present a great convention this Fall. The current issue of the QCWA Journal carries a registration form for your use.

The convention is scheduled to start Thursday afternoon, October 12 and the next two days will be filled with activities including some great bus tours. The Fall foliage should be brilliant.

Lew McCoy will talk on antennas, Jerry Sevick will present material on baluns, Chuck Walbridge will host a group on packet operations. In addition Dave Sumner will conduct an ARRL forum and Dick Baldwin will represent the IARU.

On Sunday morning there will be a Genuine New England Style Breakfast as a special treat for all those hams travelling from outside W-1 land.

Join all your friends and have a wonderful time in New England.

Sight Impaired Amateurs

Once again I would like to call your attention to the Tape program for our sight impaired members. There is no charge for this service and the tapes contain selected material from the most recent QCWA Journal. Check out your members who have this condition and write to Blanche Randles, W4GXZ, and give her their name and call. Her address is:

Blanche Randles, W4GXZ
6002 N. Fremont Ave
Tampa FL 33604-6306

The above address is their winter address from May 1 to Oct 1

From Oct 1 to May 1, the following will apply:

HCR-32 Box 591
Stoddard NH 03464

If there is any doubt, send the information to Headquarters and I will see that Blanche gets it. This is a great program and has been well received.



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1936 Logbook Reproduction

Did you see the advertisement in the current Journal for our reproduction of a 1936 Logbook? Our member Tracy Reese, WB6TMY, conceived this project and presented us with the necessary materials. With ARRL cooperation we went to the printers and produced a limited number to try the market. It is a fine logbook and does bring back some memories. It may seem a little expensive, but the quality is there and we have the only one on the market for you.

The price is \$6.00 per copy and that includes mailing. What a great prize for a Chapter meeting ... after you get one for your ham shack !!

Scholarships

Did you catch Leland Smith's release about QCWA awarding 14 \$700 Scholarships? The total of the fund as of the end of 1994 was almost \$124,000.00 and only the interest is used to make these awards. What a wonderful project for our organization.

Leland has written to all the Chapter secretaries advising them of the availability of the scholarships and asking for publicity to be included in Chapter newsletters.

Phase 3D

All of the crew at AMSAT are working very hard to meet schedules for the Phase 3D launch. The satellite magazines are well filled with material documenting their progress. One of the important problems is the need for more contributions to meet the costs of this satellite. Many countries are contributing and the Americas are a part of this effort. If you have not contributed try to see your way clear to send a contribution to AMSAT.

This will be one of the greatest operations in amateur radio history and will certainly be well used by many amateurs around the world. This operation will help insure our retaining frequencies and will show that we are in the cutting edge of technology. The operation will be proof that we deserve to occupy this valuable spectrum.

If you operate satellites, or even give it some thought from time to time, Phase 3D will be your bird. You do not need big antennas, you do not need high power. You will be able to work this one from your backyard.

Printer Problems

As I write this, late in April, and just before going to Dayton, the terrible damage to the building in Oklahoma City is on TV.

The phone rang this morning and it was Gene Nailon, K5DLE, from our Oklahoma City Chapter #63. He wanted me to know that the Journal Record Press who have printed and mailed our QCWA Journal for the last year or so, had suffered serious damage and their building may be a total loss. They are located in a direct line with the target building and apparently there is a large parking lot that separates the buildings. Little do we realize how close many of us come to disasters that take place.

Happily our last Journal left their plant over two weeks ago.

Chapter Records

I received a package from Gene Nailon a week ago. He is always sending us a few spare callbooks to bolster our well used supply, and I thank him for this. Included was a "Officer Manual".

Gene and the secretary of the Chapter, Norm Wilson, W5FLO, maintain this very well done loose leaf booklet and see that each new officer of the Chapter has one in their possession. I am sure that other Chapters do something similar but this is the first one that has been sent to me.

Listing on the index tabs are : Constitution, Charter Members, Current Members, Phone # List, Exp. List, Chapter Officers (back into the beginning of the Chapter), Birthdays, Past Members, QCWA #s. In the back of the booklet is a pocket with Chapter membership applications and a sheet describing the Chapter for new members. With some dedication by two of the Chapter members it is maintained and promptly given to new officers of the Chapter.

This might be a worthwhile project for all of our Chapters to consider. I know many Chapters have all this material, but is it in one publication?

Is it current and is it given to each new Chapter officer?

In connection with this Gene acts as historian for the Chapter and preserves the valuable history of Chapter #63. In the future this material will be a very valuable asset for the Chapter and I urge all officers of Chapters to consider this project.

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